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Love takes my voice away.
I cannot tell thee when we meet
What most I long to say.

But hadst thou hearing in thy heart
To know what beats in mine
Then shouldst thou walk, where'er thou art,
In melodies divine.

So warbling birds lift higher notes
Than to our ears belong.
The music fills their throbbing throats,
But silence steals the song.

—George E. Woodberry in Century.

"THE TIME IN PEKIN."

For two days the doctor's features had worn an expression of gravity as he bent over the bed of my sick friend, but now, as I watched him closely, the strong face relaxed, and as he raised his head I saw the light of satisfaction in his kindly eyes.

His hat, stick and gloves lay on the dressing case, and as he crossed the room to take them he marked my look of eager inquiry, and, pausing abruptly, laid his hand on my shoulder.

"We're doing splendidly, famously, my dear boy, famously. If literature fails you, come to me, and I will give you your credentials as a nurse. Florence Nightingale could not have done better."

"The worst is over then?" I asked.

"Yes, I believe we can pull him through—between us." He paused, and as he turned once more toward his patient his face grew grave again.

"I think the crisis is passed," he said quietly. "All that any mortal physician can do for him has been done. Nature alone must supply the only restorative he needs. He must sleep. I have just given him a sedative, and he ought soon to be under its influence. Keep the light turned down, and do not allow him to talk. Sleep is imperative. He must have sleep."

He stepped lightly to the dressing case, and as he raised his gloves a dust covered heap of manuscripts caught his eye. He chuckled softly and shook his head.

"Odd people, you Americans," he said, with a smile. "Is our poor literature so impoverished that you must needs instill Yankee blood into its veins?"

I was looking at the pale face of poor Tom and did not reply.

"Ah, well," said the cheery doctor as he appropriated his hat and stick and advanced, with extended hand, "the fairy voices of the Bow bells are far-reaching, and I hope that they will one day ring as merry changes for two Yankee lads as they did for that fortunate young beggar, Dick Whittington. Good night, my boy, good night. I'll see you in the morning. And now, remember"—

He put his finger to his lips, and a moment later he was gone.

I closed the door gently and returned to the bedside of my friend. His eyes were closed, and, believing that the sedative had already begun its work, I tiptoed to the gas jet and turned down the light. Then, seating myself before the grate, I revitalized the dying embers and put in two or three more pieces of coal.

For several minutes all was still, then I heard a movement among the bedclothes and a few moments later the voice of my sick roommate:

"Hal."

"Yes, Tom."

"Has the doctor gone?"

"Yes, he left just now. You must go to sleep, old chap."

There was another movement on the bed, then all was still again, and I had just begun mentally to congratulate the doctor on the efficacy of his prescription when I heard my name pronounced.

"What is it, Tom?" I asked, a little impatiently.

"What time is it?"

"Half past 4."

"In the afternoon?"

"Yes."

"What makes it so dark?"

"It's the fog. Come now, old boy, you must be quiet. The doctor says you must have sleep. The worst is over, and five or six hours of rest will make you your old self again."

He did not reply at once, but at the expiration of two or three minutes he asked:

"What time is it in New York now, Hal?"

"You must stop it, Tom," I commanded, but immediately relenting I continued, "About half past 12."

A deep sigh broke the stillness that ensued.

"It is Saturday," said Tom. "Saturday, isn't it? In six hours more the old crowd will be in the restaurant—in Mabin's. I can see them all—old Gaynor, George Leslie, Barrett and Bess."

"Now, Tom"—

"Come here, old chap."

I rose, and, going to the bed, I placed my fingers on my friend's lips. He took them in his wasted hand, and as he removed them his grasp tightened, and he smiled.

"All right, Hal. I'll be quiet now. Good night."

I returned to my chair, and for ten minutes nothing save the ticking of the clock broke the stillness of the room. Then there was once more an ominous movement on the bed.

"It's funny, isn't it, this difference in time?" he murmured. "In Chicago it is an hour earlier still."

There was a pause.

"What time is it in San Francisco, Hal?"

"Oh, I don't know, Tom. About two hours earlier, I guess. Why won't you go to sleep?"

"That would make it about half past 9."

He paused, but a few moments later I heard him muttering to himself.

"Confound it, old chap," I began.

"I was just trying to figure it out," he went on. "It takes 24 hours for the world to make a complete revolution. Where do they begin to reckon the time any way?"

"Oh, I don't know. Let's see. Greenwich, I believe—yes, Greenwich, I am sure. Now for heaven's sake, go"—

"Well, if it's half past 4 at Greenwich, what time is it on the other side of the world—in China? What time is it in Peking, Hal?"

"Hang it, Tom," I said, rising impatiently.

"Tell me, old boy. I want to know."

"About half past 6," I hazarded.

"That can't be right, you know. There is a screw loose somewhere. It can't be that"—

I concluded that arguing with the poor fellow would be in vain, so I returned to my chair.

"Hal."

I did not respond.

"What time is it in Peking?"

I jumped up quickly and went to the bed.

"Now, see here, Tom, this sort of thing is utterly absurd. Your life is hanging by the merest thread. All you need is sleep. We have all done what we could, and now you will have to take a hand yourself. What the deuce have you to do with time or Peking now? Come, go to sleep. There's a good fellow."

"I know I'm acting like an ass, old boy, but I can't get the infernal thing out of my head. If I could figure it out, I would be all right, for I do feel a bit sleepy."

"Well, I'll see if the old lady knows," I said indulgently. "What am I to ask her?"

"The time in Pekin," he said feebly.

"All right," I replied. Then I ran down stairs to the landlady.

"Mrs. Slemmer, Tom wants to know what time it is in Pekin."

"Lord bless me, Mr. Carson, 'ow should"—

"Got a geography—'cyclopedia? Almost any old book will tell."

"Why, I ain't got no books. Mebbe the children"—

Just then two of her youngsters came tumbling into the room.

"Freddie, go for the doctor," I said desperately. "Nell, run over the way and get a geography. Here, take this from door to door until you get what it calls for."

I wrote a brief note explaining the circumstances and got the children off. Then I went up stairs.

One glance at poor Tom gave me to understand that the dreaded fever had again asserted itself. His eyes were supernaturally bright, and as I entered the room his features wore a look of unrestrained anxiety.

"Well," he asked irritably, "didn't you find out?"

"Not yet, but I'll have some books here in a minute."

In two or three minutes I heard the sound of rapid footsteps on the stairs and hastened to the door. I met the grocer's wife.

"I hurried as fast as I could," she gasped. "I saw Nell, and—and here is the book. Poor boy! Shall I go in?"

I seized the book, and, perceiving that it was a ready reckoner, I returned it forthwith to its owner.

Other steps were now heard on the stairs, and in a few minutes the narrow hallway and even the room itself was thronged with sympathetic neighbors, who had placed themselves and their meager libraries at my service. All, however, failed to contribute any information which would meet the exacting demands of the invalid. The floor was strewn with all sorts of literature, varying from toy picture books, containing pictures of Chinamen, to technical works on navigation and household economy, but still the feeble voice which emanated from the bed inspired me to clamor for more. I cursed the inherent ignorance of the Anglo-Saxon race. I railed, stormed, perspired and trembled for the safety of my friend. But all was of no avail. Finally I heard a murmur in the hall.

The doctor had come.

Leaping forward I seized him by the lapel of his coat.

"What is the time in Peking?" I cried in his ear.

"What is the time in Peking?" demanded Mrs. Slemmer, barring his way to the bed.

"How the devil should I know?" exclaimed the astonished doctor, as he made his way through the group that surrounded his patient.

"Here it is! Here it is!" shouted a voice in the hall, and an old, white haired gentleman with a book in his hand was pushed by a dozen eager hands into the room.

The volume was opened, and the desired information was before my eyes.

"At last!" I exclaimed. "Here, doctor, I have it. It is"—

"Hush!" said a warning voice.

A moment later the hand of the English physician was laid gently on my shoulder.

"He knows, my boy. He knows."—Exchange.

A DEADLY OCCUPATION.

Bringing Out Borax From the Rifts In Death Valley.

The deadliest occupation for men or horses is teaming in the borax fields of Death valley of the great American desert. There the longest teams in the world are employed. Scientists declare that the fierce heat in this narrow rent in the cracked surface of the earth is not equaled elsewhere in the world. Where the thermometer often registers 140 degrees of heat unrelieved by even a breath of air, where men sleep at night in hollow ditches filled with water in order to avoid dying from collapse, the necessity for the longest teams of mules and horses ever harnessed to draw the great borax laden wagons is apparent.

The desert team is the longest in the world, and the percentage of deaths among the horses is greater than that of domestic animals used in any other calling. Forty to 60 horses are often hitched to one of the lumbering vehicles in which the borax is slowly dragged across the sun baked alkali plains. The average life of even the sturdiest horses used in this work is six months, for in this length of time they either become broken winded, consumptive from inhaling the deadly dust of the desert or are driven crazy by the frightful heat.

A man there, though protected by the wagon awnings from the sun's rays, cannot go an hour without water without danger of death. When a team breaks down and the water supply becomes depleted, the men ride on at top speed for the nearest source of supply, and often when they return they find that the remaining horses, made mad by thirst, have broken from the harness and dashed off only to find death in the desert.

The borax wagons weigh 8,000 pounds and carry 20,000 pounds at a load. Behind each wagon is a tank containing hundreds of gallons of water. The horses are harnessed in pairs, the trained ones in the lead, and the next in intelligence just ahead of the tongue, while the unruly and the youngsters are hitched between. The nigh leader has a bridle with the strap from the left jaw shorter than the other, and from the bridle runs a braided rope, which the driver, perched on the wagon seat, holds in his right hand.

The rope is called the "jerk line" and is a little longer than the team, which stretches out several hundred feet in front of the wagon. During the busy season the borax wagons make an almost continuous train, and the horses alone, if placed in single file, would make a team more than 100 miles long.

Besides a little food and water the poor animals get no care. They curry themselves by rolling in the burning sand. After a few months of the killing labor the poor creatures become unfit for service. A kindly rifle ball then ends their agony, and their emaciated carcasses are left alongside the trail to furnish scant picking for the hovering vultures.—California Letter.

Likened to the Lion.

Alep Arslan was called the Valiant Lion, from his daring in battle. Arioch of Assyria appears on the monuments of that country as the Lion King. Gustavus Adolphus was known as the Lion of the North; Louis VIII of France was the Lion King; Richard I of England was the Lion Hearted, and William of Scotland was so called not from any particular exploits, but on account of the fact that on his helmet he bore a lion rampant.

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ESTRANGEMENT.

So, without overt breach, we fall apart,
Tacitly sunder, neither you nor I
Conscious of one intelligible why,
And both, from severance, winning equal smart.
So, with resigned and acquiescent heart,
Whene'er your name on some chance lip may lie
I seem to see an alien shade pass by,
A spirit wherein I have no lot or part.

Thus may a captive in some fortress grim
From casual speech betwixt his warders learn
That June and her triumphal progress goes
Through arched and bannered woodlands, while for him
She is a legend emptied of concern,
And idle is the rumor of the rose.

—William Watson.

A LOVER'S JEALOUSY.

"Robert," said Mr. Vyse slowly, gazing fixedly at the young clerk, "I have no doubt that it is you who have robbed me."

The hot blood flooded Robert Acland's neck and face as he took in the meaning of the words.

"I swear to you, sir," he cried passionately, "that you wrong me—I swear it by my soul!"

"I wish I could believe you, Robert," Mr. Vyse replied, "for I like you; but, unfortunately, appearances are too much against you. What, may I ask, were you doing at 5 o'clock yesterday evening in my private room? You had no right or business to be there."

"Nor was I," returned the young fellow proudly, drawing himself up to his full height. "I have never been in this room in my life except when you have sent me. Has any one told you that I was here last evening, sir?"

"Yes, Robert. Your comrade, Richard Starkie, assured me of it not ten minutes ago."

"Richard Starkie!" exclaimed Acland in great wonderment. "Why, he must be mad. What can have possessed him to tell so wicked a falsehood? We have always been good friends, he and I. Why should he thus try to ruin me?"

The words, the tone, were those of an innocent man. Mr. Vyse began to waver in his opinion as to Acland's guilt.

"Robert," he said more kindly, "will you swear to me before God that you are innocent?"

Raising aloft his right hand, "I call the God before whose judgment throne we both shall one day stand to witness that I am guiltless," he declared solemnly. "Surely, sir, you will believe me now?"

Mr. Vyse held out his hand. "Yes, Robert, I believe you," he said, "and I beg your pardon for having doubted you. But what Starkie's motive in traducing you has been I am at a loss to understand."

"So am I, sir," answered Acland. "His conduct is quite incomprehensible."

"Well, Robert," wound up the old gentleman as he dismissed his clerk, "you must promise me one thing—that you will treat Starkie just the same as if nothing unusual had occurred. It is my wish."

"I will try, sir. But it will be a hard task," Acland replied as he quitted the room.

Left alone, Mr. Vyse, a hale, active man of 65, lay back in his chair and gave himself up to thought. But the more he puzzled over the disappearance of his cashbox the farther he seemed from a solution of the mystery. It was gone, but by whose hand it was difficult to say.

Of course the news that their employer had been robbed ran like wildfire through the small community. It was Richard Starkie who first made public the ill news, for no official intimation of it was given, but to his fellow workers he dare not try to incriminate young Acland, for Acland was a favorite with his colleagues, and Starkie knew well that any remark suggestive of his guilt would be received in stony silence—the silence of sheer disbelief.

That evening Bob Acland went to see Elsie Venner, the girl of his heart. There was no actual engagement between them, but Elsie understood quite well that Bob was only waiting for a rise of salary before asking her to be his wife. He had intended to tell her nothing about what had occurred at the office during the day, but the quick witted girl soon saw that something was amiss and taxed him with it. And after a little hesitation on his part and a little pressing on hers the whole story came out.

"I cannot think, darling," finished Bob, "what has induced Starkie to do it."

"Shall I tell you?" said Elsie demurely.

"You?"

"Yes, I. I can, you know." And then she proceeded to relate how Richard Starkie had a few days before asked her to marry him, and, on her refusal, flown into a violent rage, not only heaping anathemas on her head, but also on Bob.

"And you believe he has attempted to lay the theft at my door to blacken my character in your eyes? What a scoundrel the fellow must be!"

"If you had seen the look on his face when he left me," replied the girl, "you would think, as I do, that he is capable of anything."

Next day Bob Acland repeated to Mr. Vyse the conversation he had held with Elsie Venner.

Meanwhile Richard Starkie was in a very unhappy frame of mind. He had just sufficient manhood left to be able to appreciate the unutterable currishness of his own conduct. But that did not tend to make him sorry for what he had done. No, it rather imbittered him still more against his rival. A mania for gambling, inherited from his father, who had bet away a large estate during his life, dying only just in time to save himself from actual starvation, had in the first instance made him short of money.

In order to retrieve his position he bet still more heavily, and again lost. Ill luck pursued him from day to day, till at last, unable to meet the demands made upon him, exposure stared him in the face, and exposure, he knew, meant prompt dismissal from Mr. Vyse's service. In this dilemma he stole the cashbox, and it was only when gloating over its contents that the idea of saddling Acland with the theft occurred to him. Irresolute in this, as in everything else, he wavered some time before finally deciding to commit this last piece of villainy, but his evil genius, as always, prevailed.

"Curse the fellow!" he ground out between his clenched teeth. "If only I can ruin him. If only I can make Elsie despise and loathe him! What is he that he should steal her from me? I'll win her yet in spite of him."

It was Mr. Vyse's custom to go for a walk, unless the day was very wet, between the hours of 12 and 1. He usually went down the high road straight out of the town for a mile, returning home over the fields and through a small plantation. A few days after the loss of the cashbox he took the accustomed path. Dot, his favorite dog, half pointer, half retriever, accompanied him. In the middle of the plantation Dot suddenly sniffed the air, then bounded in among the brushwood and pointed.

"Dot! Dot!" called his master. "Here, good dog, come back!" But Dot had evidently found something and refused to be shouted off.

Mr. Vyse made his way to where the dog was standing. Up sprang a fine rabbit and dashed away, Dot in hot pursuit. But Mr. Vyse heeded neither rabbit nor dog. His gaze was riveted on the place from which the rabbit had jumped. Thus for a moment or two he stood; then, with a peculiar smile on his face, he wheeled round and walked briskly home. Some three days later Richard Starkie was summoned to his chief's presence. He went, trembling, fearing he knew not what.

"Starkie," said Mr. Vyse, "you have been in my employ longer than any other of my clerks; therefore I think it only right to make you my spokesman to them. I wish you, then, to tell them on my behalf that I attribute the disappearance of my cashbox to none of them; that I am quite convinced of their innocence."

Richard Starkie paled slightly. Had his scheme to ruin young Acland failed miserably after all? It seemed so. But he replied, with apparent frankness, "I am very pleased to hear that Robert Acland has cleared himself, sir."

"He has done so most completely," rejoined Mr. Vyse. "I have a very high opinion of Acland, Starkie."

"So have I, sir," he returned glibly, while he inwardly cursed the man of whom he spoke thus laudingly. "It has caused me great pain to think that he could possibly be a thief."

"Is it possible that this man is innocent after all?" wondered Mr. Vyse. "If not, his hypocrisy is simply astounding. But I shall soon know the truth." And a grim smile passed over his face.

"Just one thing more," continued Mr. Vyse, looking straight into his clerk's eyes, which met his own unflinchingly, "and this is for your ear alone, Starkie. In the theft of my cashbox I have sustained a far greater loss than any one but myself is aware of. It is a box of peculiar construction—in fact, it had a false bottom, and in that false bottom, Starkie, there were notes to the value of £700. I had placed them there only two days before I was robbed."

"Of course, you have the numbers, sir?"

"Why, yes, I have the numbers, Starkie, but an expert thief—and I imagine from the coolness and audacity of the robbery that I have been the victim of one—finds no difficulty in changing stolen paper. He knows where to take it and obtain a good price."

When Richard Starkie went back to his colleagues to give them their employer's message, his breast was torn by two emotions—baffled spite and greed of further gold.

"I will destroy him yet." He thought of Bob Acland. "He's escaped me for awhile, but it shall not be for long. Elsie Venner shall never be his wife. I am a good plotter, friend Bob, and though you wriggle out of my clutches a hundred times, I will have you the hundred and first.

"Poor old buffer—" his mind reverting to the man whose presence he had just left—"you little guessed that in making a confidant of me you were telling the thief how to further enrich himself. Well, 500 quids will come in very handy just now, and, I suppose, the commission would not be more than £200. Markby's getting very restive for his money, and I could pay him and still have a nice little balance in hand. You're in luck's way, Dick, my boy. Fortune favors you."

If to be standing in the dark on the brink of a precipice without knowing it is to be in luck's way, then Richard Starkie was indeed in an enviable position.

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Bending down amid the bramble, and brushwood which formed the undergrowth of a small plantation, groping among the briers and grasses, Richard Starkie was searching for the cashbox.

"I know I flung it somewhere here," he muttered fiercely. "Where can the thing be? Ah," and his hand at last alighted on some metal, "here you are! I was just beginning to think that jadish fortune had served me a scurvy trick. Well"—clasping the box to his bosom—"you've been a good friend to me, and I'll treat you as lightly as possible. Come, let's away—merciful powers, what's that?"

Four stalwart arms had seized him from behind and were holding him with a viselike grip, and, before he knew what was really taking place, he felt the cold steel on his wrists and realized that he was a prisoner, a detected thief who had blindly fallen into a skillfully laid trap.—Tit-Bits.

The Pearl.

The pearl is the one gem that comes to us perfect from the hand of nature, and to this its great antiquity as a gem is largely due. Precious stones whose beauty and brilliance depend on polishing and cutting would naturally be discovered and utilized later. The discovery of the diamond, for instance, probably dates within historic times. Though known earlier, it was not generally included among the gem treasures of royalty even as late as the seventh century. The modern cutting of diamonds in regular facets was invented as recently as 1456. Indeed it is quite probable that the pearl was the first gem known and treasured by prehistoric man—since the search for food must have been the first occupation of the earliest of the race, and the shining pearl would thus have been discovered in river mussels if not in marine oysters. Certain it is that the Old Testament and the ancient written histories allude to pearls and that remoter evidence is found in the tombs and excavated sites of still earlier eras. The Egyptians, Babylonians and Assyrians held the pearl in an esteem verging on reverence.—Popular Science Monthly.

Yawning Fishes.

It is not generally known that fish yawn. The writer saw a turbot yawn twice and a cod once, the latter being one of the widest yawns accomplished by any animal of its size. The yawn of a turbot, being something not commonly seen, deserves particular description.

A turbot's mouth is twisted on one side, rather as if it had belonged to a round fish which some one had accidentally trod on and squashed half flat. The yawn begins at the lips, which open as if to suck in water. Then the jaws become distended, and it is seen that this is going to be a real, genuine submarine fish's yawn. But the yawn goes on, works through the back of its head, distending the plates of the skull and comes out at the gills, which open, show the red inside, are inflated for a moment, and then, with a kind of stretching shiver of its back, the fish flattens out again, until, if unusually bored, it relieves itself by another yawn.—Pearson's Weekly.

Cigarette Smoking.

Cigarette smoking in England dates back to 1844. The great impetus to their increased use was caused by the Crimean war of 1854-6, when numbers of military and naval officers adopted this method of smoking from the inhabitants of Russia, Turkey, Malta, the Levant and other parts of Europe.

HIS FAVORITE ROLE.

Among my dearest memories of Italy is that of the evenings I used to spend in Venice with the Cavalier Ciongna, as he was known upon the stage. We usually sat in the garden of the Osteria until late into the night—sometimes tete-a-tete, sometimes in the company of old Captain Amadi.

By the garden of the Osteria one is not to understand anything like that which the name, used elsewhere, might imply. It was simply a small courtyard about 12 feet square and was paved with slabs of marble. Four high walls inclosed it like a funnel, and from three of these the court was overlooked by windows and balconies which, as a rule, were festooned with grimy washings. But, unless one chose, he need see nothing of this, for above our table—there was space for only one—the branches of a noble vine interlaced to form a thick screen of foliage.

Thus one could sit here quite cool and comfortably, [illegible] the motley marble below us, this very garden became a little world full of poetry. Then was the place well suited to the tales of the Cavalier Ciongna.

In his jokes, anecdotes and stories, the Italy of the robbers and romantic wars, the Italy of the Austrian occupation and of secret conspiracies, the Italy of Garibaldi and Victor Emmanuel, and, not least of all—for Cavalier Ciongna had been one of the most distinguished impersonators of Doctor Bartolo and Don Pasquale—the Italy of Rossini and Donizetti. Here the old man told us the story of Signor Campobassi, concerning which he declared somewhat violently, as was his wont, that the Madonna might withdraw her favor from him if every word were not the truth. The story which he had told us repeatedly, as was his custom, ran as follows:

"Are you familiar with Furli? No. Well, it does not lie on the regular route of tourists, and I am not surprised that you are not acquainted with it. But you know it by name, captain, do you not? And you have no doubt heard of Signor Campobassi—but only casually, eh? I knew him well. I have sat with him over Refosco as we sit here over this Trentino. He was a very agreeable comrade, and it grieved us all to lose him. The ladies adored him, for he was a slender, finely formed fellow, with the most beautiful eyes in the world and a mustache—as if the Madonna herself had meant him for a tenor. We men liked him because we had in him a true friend, and one who always stood ready to help with his purse or his dagger, and who had no trace of haughtiness about him, although he was the favorite of the public. He was one of those exceptional men who have not an enemy.

"But I forgot. Furli is in the vicinity of Rome, at the foot of the Abruzzi mountains, a small but rich and very flourishing town. It was in the fifties that I went thither with a newly formed company.

"Furli had a very spacious new theater. We pleased the public, did a thriving business and accordingly were well suited to stay there. But it was our primo tenore, Signore Campobassi, who awakened the most interest. Our impresario smiled contentedly whenever he chanced to mention him, and said, with a knowing look, 'That was the best hit I ever made.' I can still remember well to what straits he had been put for a tenor. He refused to lay out much money for one, and tenors, as a rule, are high in their prices. Then one day, as we were sitting in the cafe, Campobassi appeared, inquired for the director and asked him to try his voice. He said he was a peasant's son from the neighborhood of Arezzo, but even as a child he had had such an ear for music that he knew by heart all the airs he had ever heard. It was the opinion among his acquaintances that he could sing finely, and so he had thought that he might make his fortune in the opera. Now, he had heard that Signor Mario was looking for a tenor, and so he had made haste hither to offer himself.

"Our impresario was a cunning fox and shook his head gravely at this. 'It would be a great deal of trouble to coach you,' he said. But Campobassi replied that on this account he would be content with a very small salary.

"Signor Mario still shook his head, but he took up his glass, contemplated for awhile the dissolving bits of ice and finally drank the remainder of his 'granita' with an air of decision.

"'Well, we will try it,' said he. 'Colleagues, if you have any desire to be present at the rehearsal, follow me.'

"We were all curious enough, so we started for the theater in spite of the midday heat. There Campobassi sang a couple of airs from the most familiar operas, and the more he sang the more significantly did Mario wink at us. His fat, round face fairly shone and glowed for joy. Nevertheless at the end he said rather coolly, 'You will make us much work, Campobassi, but I will give you a trial.'

"As a matter of fact, the trouble he made us was very slight. He had such an extraordinary musical ear that he retained the most difficult passages if they had been sung before him only once correctly. In addition, he had a natural facility for acting; so that he was less awkward than many tenors of long experience. It is true his performances lacked artistic finish, but the crudities in his singing were atoned for by the stupendous 'material,' a voice which surmounted everything and was [illegible] of the purest and most beautiful quality. Such a tenor had not been heard for many a day in Furli, and people thronged the theater only for the sake of hearing him. Campobassi was soon the idol of the Furlese. If two men were found quarreling anywhere, one might be sure that Campobassi was the subject of the dispute, and if a maiden, lost in revery, appeared to see nothing and hear nothing, one might stake one's life that she was all the while seeing and hearing Campobassi.

"One forenoon, after rehearsal, we were sitting under the arcades of the Piazza dei Signori, drinking our coffee. We had been chatting about everything possible and impossible, and one of us at last turned the conversation to the subject of favorite roles. Each one named his own—I, Dr. Bartolo; Pedrocchi, Rigoletto. Mario said jokingly that his favorite opera was the one in which he had least to do. Campobassi was silent.

"At length we pressed him to confess his own preference, but he shrugged his shoulders and replied, laughing: 'My favorite role? That is probably my own secret.'

"'No secrets among the colleagues,' grumbled Pedrocchi.

"'No secrets?' was Campobassi's answer. 'Well, perhaps I will play you my favorite role tonight.'

"'Oh, the Trovatore!' we exclaimed, for we were to bring out the opera on that day for the first time in Furli. Campobassi shrugged his shoulders

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[illegible] up the free soup kettle

[illegible] give the dinner pail a chance.

Bryan carried Schoharie county, N. Y.

[illegible] begins to [illegible]

[illegible] and New York went Republican.

[illegible] W. [illegible] majority in the [illegible] district was [illegible]

[illegible] plurality in [illegible] district is about [illegible]

[illegible] the Winnebago Indians celebrated the election of McKinley.

[illegible] carried the Keystone state by over 300,000 plurality.

[illegible] had a plurality in this Congressional district of 4,[illegible]

Bryan delivered speeches in [illegible] cities and had very small majorities in only nineteen of them.

The States that McKinley carried have over forty million population, while those that Bryan carried have a [illegible] twenty [illegible]

[illegible] editor and proprietor of the New York Journal, is undoubtedly the most disappointed man in the world as he cannot deliver the free silver he promised his readers.

[illegible] has started [illegible] He has captured Kentucky and Tennessee and [illegible] of Atlanta's [illegible]

[illegible] as Congressman [illegible] is a rather tough pill to [illegible] vote being given [illegible]

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[illegible] the Mother of [illegible] no longer of being taken away from her. She has furnished [illegible] second with four [illegible] Harrison [illegible] Harrison were also [illegible] Presidents.

[illegible] Mr. [illegible] Harry [illegible] Mr. [illegible] member in the [illegible] Republicans [illegible] was [illegible]

[illegible] the states in the Union had [illegible] Democratic State [illegible] have required the [illegible] Pennsylvania had [illegible] plurality of over 300,000. New York had [illegible] majority [illegible] New [illegible] the amount [illegible]

President Cleveland's position on the Venezuelan boundary is sustained according to the latest reports from England. [illegible] the President say in his next message that Spain must take her robber hands off Cuba. Spain has been sucking the life blood out of the [illegible] The war for independence has been continued long enough and the Spaniards will never be able to subdue the Cubans who are bravely fighting for liberty.

The afternoon D. B. Hill of New York must have gotten hold of Tom Watson's letter of acceptance, and has been shut up in Walford's rooms lately quietly perusing its contents and seeking to find out where he, D. B., is at. It will take something besides his [illegible] "I am a Democrat," to rouse the sagging energies of his erstwhile followers. His course during the campaign has clearly demonstrated that he is not the proper man to lead a forlorn hope.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9th, 1896.—Had it been possible for the voters to have seen one week before election the remarkable demonstration of the revival of public confidence which has come, from every section of the country since the election of Major McKinley, there is no doubt that McKinley and Hobart's popular majority would have been a million greater than it is. Republicans had no doubt that apprehension caused by the fear of those who controlled money that all our standards of value might be upset had done more to paralyze business than any other one thing, and they so told the people from every stump and through the columns of every Republican paper. They convinced many, but if the starting up of idle mills and manufactories and the inauguration of great enterprises involving vast expenditures and the employment of all the unemployed who wish to be employed could have taken place before the election a million more would have been convinced and voted for real prosperity instead of for a chimera.

However, it was only by waiting until a restoration of Republican control, executive and legislative, was absolutely assured that the great business enterprises of the country, the prosperity of which involves the prosperity of all our people, could show to the world the faith felt in the wisdom of the Republican party. The Republican who does not feel his heart swell with pride merely to belong to an organization which can inspire such faith must be cold-blooded indeed. The news columns of the press since the election of McKinley and Hobart was announced have, by just printing the cold facts about the actual, not prospective, revival in almost every part of the country and in almost every line of industry and business, paid the highest tribute of praise to the Republican party ever paid to any political organization in any country in the history of the world.

It is now for the Republicans to show the world that this tribute was deserved. No one who is familiar with the life and record of President-elect McKinley and of those of the Republicans elected to the fifty-fifth Congress, and those holding seats in the Senate, can entertain a doubt on that subject. With President McKinley to suggest, and Speaker Reed, the Republican majority in the House, and the hoped for Republican majority in the Senate, to execute, the legislation will be such as will expand and make permanent the business boom which started the hour that Republican success was assured, and which will, it is confidently believed, continue to grow and grow until the country enjoys a long era of the greatest prosperity in its history. And one of the good things about it will be that the misguided Popocrats who tried so hard to prevent Republican success will be equal sharers in the general prosperity. It ought to make them see things as they really are, instead of as they are represented by demagogues who try to trade upon hard times and public credulity.

That some appointments of importance will be tendered to gold Democrats for their assistance in the campaign is probable, but I have talked with no Republicans who believe that they will include a cabinet position. The diplomatic service offers opportunities. A man has only to be a patriotic American to represent his country satisfactorily abroad, but a member of the cabinet must be in sympathy with all the policies of the head of the administration under which he serves, or he disarranges machinery which ought to run smoothly to get the best results.

Senator Quay stopped in Washington long enough while on his way to Florida, where he will fish and rest until Congress meets, to express the opinion that there was a probability that the House Emergency Tariff bill, passed by the last session and held up by the Senate by the refusal of some of the Republican silver Senators to support it unless a free coinage amendment was attached, might be taken up and passed at the coming session. Senator Quay did not enter into details, he seldom does, as to why he thought the bill might be passed. It is supposed that he thinks, as many others do, that the Republican silver Senators seeing the absolute impossibility of securing silver legislation, will vote for the bill which would, if enacted into a law, provide the government with revenue enough to make the receipts more than equal the expenditures. While Mr. Cleveland has never said that he would sign this bill, the impression is general that he would not veto it. By that if passed by the Senate it is reasonably certain to become a law.

Senator Butler, the Populist chairman, rather rubbed it in on the Democrats when he issued an address to the country putting all the blame for defeat on them, and asserting that the Populists will be the principal opponents of the Republicans in 1900. The address was made the Democrats hopping mad, but Butler thinks them of so little consequence that he doesn't care.

PROTECTION secures to the American farmer and to the American laborer the American market. That one market they are sure of under protection and it is the best market in the world. It is better than all the other markets of the world put together. Free trade takes away from American producers the American market and does not secure to them any market whatever, however mean and paltry. If it is an advantage for American producers to have a sure market then the protective tariff is an advantage to them. But facts have impressed upon the American people the value and the benefits of protection as no argument could. Arguments may be forgotten, but the facts of four years of hard times under partial free trade will never be forgotten by those who have lived through them.—Economist.

THAT W. J. Bryan is a bright and brainy man no one will deny, but the old saying that "a chain is no stronger than its weakest link" is clearly verified in his case. He made a grand fight for the success of his cause, but being hampered by such men as Altgeld and his followers and the obnoxious planks contained in the Chicago platform, was enough to defeat the best man on earth. Mr. Bryan and his cause were given a patient and careful hearing. The people discussed the question pro and con and have decided by an overwhelming majority, both electoral and popular, that they believe in sound money and a stable government and that the President shall be sustained in the faithful discharge of his sworn duty.

MAJOR MCKINLEY said to the newspaper men who visited him at Canton Sept. 1st: "Work and wages have been cut in two, and we spare the same experiment on the money in which they are paid." No wonder the American people rolled up such a majority against the folly of free silver after receiving such treatment at the hands of the free traders. Somehow protection to our home industries meets the approval of most of the American laborers.

Those fine blankets at ridiculously low prices. See Lemmler about them.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The MINER had so many things to be thankful for in last week's issue, over the glorious results of election, that we were unable to give space to the President's thanksgiving proclamation. Here it is:

Washington, Nov. 4th.—The people of the United States should never be unmindful of the gratitude they owe the God of Nations for His watchful care which has shielded them from dire disaster and pointed out to them the way of peace and happiness. Nor should they ever refuse to acknowledge with contrite hearts their proneness to turn away from God's teachings and follow with sinful pride after their own devices.

To the end that these thoughts may be quickened at a fitting that on a day especially appointed we should join together in approaching the Throne of Grace with praise and supplication.

Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 26th day of the present month of November, to be kept as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout our land.

On that day may all our people forego their usual work and occupation and, assembled in their accustomed places of worship, let them with one accord render thanks to the Ruler of the Universe for our preservation as a nation and our deliverance from every threatened danger, for the peace that has dwelt within our boundaries, for our defense against disease and pestilence during the year that has passed, for the plenteous rewards that have followed the labors of our husbandmen, and for all the other blessings that have been vouchsafed to us.

And let us, by the mediation of Him who has taught us how to pray, implore the forgiveness of our sins and a continuation of heavenly favor.

Let us not on this day of thanksgiving forget the poor and needy, and by deeds of charity let our offerings of praise be made more acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

Witness my hand and seal of the United States which I have caused to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six and the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President, RICHARD OLNEY, Secretary of State.

THE TRUE RING.

The following letter from President-elect William McKinley to Chairman Hanna last week cannot help but meet the hearty approval of every lover of his country. It is brim full of hope for the future and everyone should assist by putting his shoulder to the wheel and [illegible] to build up our depleted industries.

To Hon. M. A. HANNA, Waldorf House, New York.

"Your telegraphic message announcing the result of the election has been received. I beg you to accept my hearty thanks for your great services for the cause of sound money and protection throughout the campaign now closed and gloriously won. They were most generous and effective, and will receive the warm appreciation of our friends everywhere. I will be pleased to have you convey to your associates of the National committee my high appreciation of their efficient services.

"The people in their majesty, [illegible] party lines have declared [illegible] detestation of repudiation and [illegible] in whatever specious guise it may be presented. They have with the same mighty power affirmed their devotion to law and order and their undeviating respect for courts and [illegible] courts. They have manifested their unfaltering determination to support and uphold the constituted authorities of the country and have thereby given new vigor and strength to our free institutions. They have indeed again consecrated themselves to country and inspired the cherished traditions of free government with new and lofty patriotism. The victory is not that of any section, but of and for the whole American people.

"Not the least of the triumphs of the election is the obliteration of sectional lines and the Republic. We have demonstrated to the world that we are a reunited people in purpose as in name. We have manifested to the great cause the spirit of fraternity and brotherhood that should always characterize our common and equal privileges and equal opportunities. [illegible] sectional distinctions [illegible] Let us as Americans [illegible] ourselves to the upbuilding of America, to the peace [illegible] of our common country. Party [illegible] we should [illegible] temper of either [illegible] patriotic [illegible] good of all.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

UNIFORM GAME LAWS.

Western Field and Stream, published at St. Paul, Minn., presented a practicable scheme for the protection of the game of the country, which we are inclined to believe offers a complete solution to this much vexed problem, and its senior editor, Mr. Charles Hallock, who devised and formulated the scheme has also the fullest endorsement of all leading [illegible] sportsmen who have had an opportunity to examine it. Briefly it contemplates dividing the entire territory of the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, into two [illegible] along the line of the [illegible] parallel [illegible] or near it, [illegible] there shall be uniform laws and uniform close time, the whole to be under the police surveillance of the national association for the protection of game and fish through its auxiliary state associations. The close time for the northern concession would be from January 1 to September 1, and in the southern concession from February 1 to September 1, during which no shooting shall be allowed on any kind of game whatever, excepting the woodcock and shore birds of the center [illegible] may be shot in August. The general close time for [illegible] land fishes [illegible] to extend from October 1 to June 1, excepting that fishes of the order [illegible] including the trouts, may be caught in April and May. These close seasons conform very nearly to the distribution habitat and breeding seasons of the various forms which are sought to be protected, and where they do not, especial exceptions may be made, if deemed expedient. The laws which are to form state will inhere by legislative enactment, uniform in all the States, and cooperative throughout. Emergencies and bodily stress will always stand in plea for exemption from penalty for violation of the laws, when well proved.

Mr. Hallock presents his arguments in a very logical and convincing manner and he believes that it cannot be long before this salutary code will be in successful operation.

MR. BRYAN'S catchy phrase "pressing the crown of thorns on the brow of American labor" does not seem to have been taken in the sense that it was intended, but instead the American laborer has covered Mr. Bryan with a deluge of ballots from which he will find it difficult to emerge. The ballot may safely be trusted in the hands of the honest American laborer who has, or is striving to secure, a home of his own.

"Turn the rascals out," the familiar party cry—may be applied to microbes as well as to men. The germs of disease that lurk in the blood are "turned out" by Ayer's Sarsaparilla as effectually as the old postmasters are displaced by a new administration.

VENEZUELA AND ARMENIA.

Lord Salisbury last Tuesday announced the settlement of the Venezuela question along lines whose fuller statement is needed for their complete comprehension, but which merit applause and approval as far as they are defined.

Arbitration is accepted for the entire tract in dispute. On this the United States has always insisted and it is a splendid triumph for peace that Lord Salisbury, so dubious over arbitration a year ago, now accepts it. In applying arbitration, the United States has always claimed and conceded that settled rules of international law and principles of equity should govern in those districts where long and unchallenged occupation had created rights of which justice required recognition.

Twenty years of unchallenged occupation creates a private title. If Lord Salisbury is correctly reported and he accurately understood this term has been adopted in reference to the districts settled by English colonists during the early period of the controversy while Venezuela was lax in the assertion of [illegible]

The wisdom and justice of this rule will manifestly depend upon the date at which it is agreed that Venezuela raised the issue of title. A large share of the most serious English encroachments on the territory Venezuela claims and all the disputed gold fields have been occupied in the last twenty years. If the lines of the settled districts were drawn in 1876 most of the present claims of Guiana are left to be decided on the original Dutch Spanish [illegible] while all claimed on both sides [illegible] be submitted to arbitration subject to this rule of occupation. Profound gratification will be felt by every American at any settlement which secures a just arbitration. The United States has never asked for more and it cannot be satisfied with less.

This adjustment is linked in Lord Salisbury's speech with an open desertion of the Armenian cause. A year ago Lord Salisbury threatened the Sultan in words which rang through Europe. They have proved a futile threat and an empty defiance. All that England has secured in Egypt and in Cyprus England keeps. The obligations which were assumed when Cyprus was annexed are repudiated. Armenia is left to its fate. The Armenians are abandoned to unutterable rapine and massacre unless Russia chooses to act, and nowhere does Lord Salisbury utter the word which would leave Russia free to interfere at will.—Phila. Press.

Growth of the Tourist System

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company [illegible] personally conducted tourist system and [illegible] standard of [illegible] service has won an enviable record [illegible] These tours have grown to be thoroughly appreciated in this age of luxury [illegible] and the series announced for the season of '96 and '97 admirably illustrates the progress of the times.

First comes a series to the Golden Gate starting from New York, Philadelphia and Harrisburg January 27, February [illegible] and March 27. Tourists will travel by superbly appointed special trains of Pullman compartment, drawing-room, sleeping, dining, smoking and observation cars under the supervision of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon.

Next in importance comes a series of [illegible] to Florida, January 26, February [illegible] and March [illegible] The first three [illegible] weeks in the sunny south [illegible] for the fourth tour are good to return by regular trains until May 31.

[illegible] short tours to Washington from New York, Philadelphia and adjacent points will be run on December 29, [illegible] January 21, February 11, March 11, April [illegible] and 22, and May 13, 1897.

[illegible] Point Comfort, Richmond and Washington tours will leave New York and Philadelphia December 26, 1896, January 28, February 20, March [illegible] and April 15, 1897.

[illegible] itineraries [illegible] will be issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company containing all information as to these tours may be pleasantly and profitably made. These itineraries may be procured on personal application or by addressing Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 860 Fulton Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad street, Newark, N. J.; or Room 411, Broad street station, Philadelphia.

How to Ward off an Attack of Croup

In speaking of [illegible] croup [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] M. [illegible] of Pleasant [illegible] said: "I have a little girl who [illegible] frequently during the winter months with croupy affections. [illegible] first symptoms [illegible] Chamberlain's Cough Remedy [illegible] the result is always prompt and [illegible] This remedy is used [illegible] of mothers throughout the United States [illegible] always with perfect [illegible] It is only necessary to give [illegible] when the child becomes hoarse [illegible] cough appears [illegible] For sale at 25 and 50 cents per [illegible] by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Roll of Honor

[illegible]

Do You Want to be a Martyr?

[illegible]

School Report.

[illegible] pupils of [illegible] School, Norwich township, were perfect in attendance during the month ending Nov. [illegible]

[illegible]

MARTHA WILSON, Teacher.

During several years residence in the far west, I had many opportunities for observing the wonderful effects of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Its efficacy was demonstrated in the alleviating [illegible] where the water produces [illegible] It allayed the attack when [illegible] other remedies failed. I repeatedly saw the greatest distress from diarrhoea cured in a few minutes. I used the remedy myself with the most satisfactory results, and can recommend it for the complaints for which it is indicated.—H. [illegible] GILLINGHAM, editor of the Republican, Phoenixville, Pa. This remedy is for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of breaking colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

Cold weather is coming and you need good robes and blankets. Lemmler has just what you want. Prices way down.

Found a Skeleton.

Earl Funk, a young man of this city, while hunting Saturday morning in the woods on the north side of Newell hill, made a gruesome discovery. While following a pheasant, young Funk almost stumbled over the skeleton of a man which lay at the roots of a large tree, a short distance from a road leading to Bolivar Run. The skull which lay at the feet of the skeleton was partially decayed and the bones of the left arm were quite a distance from the body. The flesh had disappeared from the bones and everything indicated that the skeleton had been exposed for a long time.

After taking a very brief survey of the skeleton, Funk came to the city and notified Chief Ruddy, who summoned Coroner Sherman. The officer and coroner were directed to the spot where the skeleton was found and after viewing it gave orders to Undertaker Rook to prepare it for burial.

For a time the Coroner was unable to gain any clue as to the identity of the dead man, but late in the afternoon members of a family named Colegrove, who reside on [illegible] street stated that the remains were those of "Doc" Colegrove, a young man who disappeared from his home on May 10, 1895. Identification was made possible by small portions of clothing and a deformity of one foot of the skeleton.

Colegrove was formerly an employe of Smith's Chemical Works and at one time drove an ice wagon for J. J. Smethy. On the day of his disappearance, it is said that he had started for Bolivar run to see Cory Baker, an ice dealer. The cause of his death can only be conjectured, but a plausible theory is that he died of heart disease.

The remains were interred in Kennedy street cemetery at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No inquest was held.—Bradford Era.

Bradford's Ratification

If Major McKinley had been in Bradford last Tuesday night he would have arrived at the conclusion that some one had been elected President of the United States. The city of Bradford never presented a better appearance in its history and its generous-hearted citizens seemed to vie with each other in extending their warmest hospitality to the visitors.

The parade started at about 8:15. Main street was filled with a mass of humanity and a better natured crowd would be hard to find. The ladies were fully as enthusiastic as the men. Every noise producing instrument of the present time was in use. The sight was one long to be remembered when the procession, nearly a mile in length, passed down Main street. The whole route was illuminated with Greek fire, Roman candles and sky rockets, which added to the light of thousands of torches made a dazzling display.

Lieut. General W. W. Brown and his staff, all on horseback led the procession. After the extended line of march had been traversed the marchers disbanded at the public square. It was the most successful political demonstration ever held in the city of Bradford and those who arranged and carried out the affair are to be congratulated. Smethport was well represented.

Court Proceedings

Civil court convened Monday afternoon with Judge Olmsted and Additional Law Judge T. A. Morrison on the bench.

Charles W. Harring vs Effie L. Harring [illegible] awarded.

Myrtle Fishtner vs Frederick Fishtner [illegible] awarded.

The following cases have been tried:

McIver Norton vs James O'Mara, verdict for defendant.

[illegible] vs [illegible] Crawford, et al, verdict for defendant.

J. A. [illegible] & Co., use J. C. French vs Thomas Bradley, verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $[illegible]

G. W. [illegible] vs Mary McBride, administratrix of [illegible] McBride deceased. Verdict for plaintiff in sum of $46.50.

[illegible] vs A. T. Irvine, action [illegible] Verdict for plaintiff for the [illegible] the writ to be released on the payment of $[illegible] to be paid in two equal payments of two months and six months.

The following cases were disposed of:

City of Bradford vs H. S. Bauer, discontinued.

Henry [illegible] vs Patrick Munroe continued on application of defendant.

L. N. [illegible] trustee, vs Ellis [illegible] settled.

[illegible] vs Mary Kelly, administratrix of Bernard Kelly deceased continued by agreement.

[illegible] District Attorney-elect sworn in in open court.

Mrs. T. N. [illegible] has been granted an increase in alimony and counsel fees.

An order of court has been filed approving the report of the last grand jury in the matter of erecting a bridge at State Line, Foster township, and recommends the building of an iron bridge with stone abutments, at a cost not to exceed $[illegible]

Phoebe Morrison vs C. D. Seaman et al. a trespass [illegible] located in Corydon township is on as we go to press and will probably hold the court until Saturday.

An extra term of court for the trial of civil causes has been fixed for the third Monday of June next.

Winter Excursion Ticket on the Pennsylvania Railroad

On November 1 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will place on sale at its principal ticket offices excursion tickets to all prominent winter resorts in New Jersey, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Cuba. The tickets will be sold at the usual low rates.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with its many connections, make this the favorite line for winter travel.

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To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

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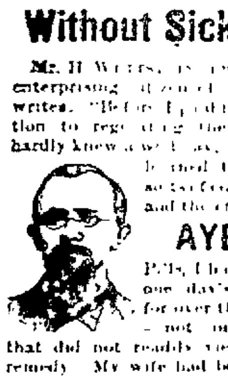

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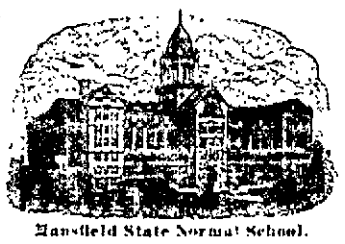
Smethport, Pa



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An Ordinance

REPEALING AN ORDINANCE RELATING to the laying out and opening of a new street to be called Willow street.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Smethport, McKean Co., Penna., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that the ordinance relating to the laying out and opening of a new street to be called Willow street, which reads as follows:

Be it ordained and enacted by the burgess and council of the borough of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that a new street be ordered and laid out and opened as follows, to wit: Said street shall be sixty feet in width and shall be called Willow street and the centre line of which street shall be located as follows: Beginning at a stone standing in the centre of Nelson street, thence running west to Mechanic street, and that said street be opened for public use. Passed the 31 day of August, 1896.

Be and the same is hereby repealed.
Passed October 5th, 1896.

Attest,
A. T. PALMER, Sec'y. FRANK KERNS, Pres. of Council.
Approved Oct. 12th 1896.
4t 3t F. W. BROWNELL, Burgess.

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SMETHPORT, PA.

Notice of Change of Name.

In the matter of the petition of Samuel Lyon Vanitzky for change of name. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean Co., Pa. No 122, Oct term 1896

PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

And now, to wit, September 8, A. D. 1896 the above petition having been duly read and considered, it is hereby adjudged and decreed that the petitioner, Samuel Lyon Vanitzky, may have and use hereafter and be known under the name of Samuel Vanitzky Lyon. Notice of this decree to be published in McKEAN COUNTY MINER, a newspaper published in the county of McKean, once a week, for four successive weeks.

PER CURIAM.

McKean County, ss.
From the record.
4t 4t GEO. W. MITCHELL, Prothonotary.

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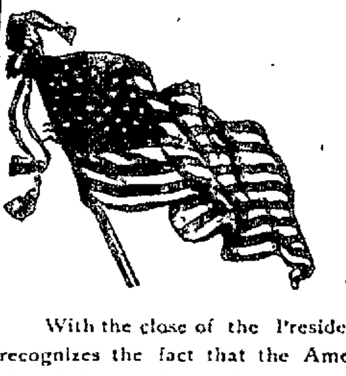

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

[illegible]

Read the [illegible] of Dr. Vanbuskirk [illegible] other column.

Attend the [illegible] Crosby Thanksgiving eve.

We are sorry to learn that [illegible] Haskett is suffering with neuralgia.

The roads in this [illegible] exceptionally fine for this season of the year.

[illegible] their advertisements for the holiday [illegible]

The Republicans of [illegible] will ratify the McKinley victory to-night.

John E. Mullin [illegible] Mixer.

Farmers should see that their stables are warm and comfortable for their stock.

Gather up all farming [illegible] clean them properly and put them under shelter.

[illegible] last week. [illegible] eight [illegible] granted.

[illegible]

The Republicans of Potter county [illegible] last Wednesday night. [illegible] there too.

Butterworth of the Potter Enterprise [illegible] through [illegible] subscription [illegible] to the same conclusion.

W. W. English, J. O. English, wife and Mrs. Anna Satterlee all of Wellsboro were at Mt. Alton last Sunday attending the funeral of Mrs. S. S. Washburn.

Mrs. H. A. Harder of Annin Creek and brother Moses A. Washburn of Sartwell Creek, were at Mt. Alton last Sunday attending the funeral of Mrs. S. S. Washburn.

Now is the time to induce industries to locate in this place. An era of prosperity bids fair to dawn on our country and Smethport should procure a slice of this prosperity.

Roberta Harper is pronounced by Chautauqua critics to be the best in his style of lecturers. The views are the first and the best manipulated of any of the present day.

The new woman again. A number of Richburg women have organized a minstrel troupe. This is a new departure in the line of minstrelsy and the end ladies will be a great drawing card.

The mammoth supply house of L. Emery Jr. & Co. Bradford has a new advertisement in this issue. It is to your interest to read it if you contemplate buying a stove, a lamp or chinaware.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. John Coady of Colegrove purchased the farm of Eben Gallup up Potato creek this side of Crosby. The MINER hopes that their new home may prove all they can desire.

[illegible]

The K. O. T. M. [illegible] will give [illegible]

[illegible]

Mrs. J. E. Warren [illegible] of Eldred swore out a warrant [illegible] for the arrest of her [illegible] charging him with assault and battery. [illegible]

[illegible]

Miss Alice McCoy is spoken of as a great addition to the choir of the Episcopal church at Binghamton where she has been engaged to sing. Miss McCoy, who has a voice of rare sweetness, has been heard in this city. She is the daughter of Dr. H. I. McCoy of Smethport, and as she comes of a musical family her success in that line is not surprising.—Bradford Post.

—Col. Lucius Rogers of Kane has been appointed Assistant Inspector-at-Large of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., for the Fortieth district, embracing the counties of McKean and Potter. The following named Comrades have also been appointed Inspectors for the district and will assist in inspecting the Posts: J. G. Howe of Post 141, Dana Drake of Post 175, J. D. Earle of Post 204, T. A. Morrison of Post 347, A. H. Mayo of Post 158, David Howells of Post 238, H. T. Reynolds of Post 279, J. F. Baldwin of Post 356, R. H. Camp of Post 431. Mr. Howells will inspect Post 141 of this city, Saturday evening, Nov. 21—Era.

The duty of a good citizen now is [illegible]

Sam McElhaney [illegible] window in his [illegible]

Last Sunday morning three tramps [illegible] at Wellsville. They were seated on the [illegible] of a car loaded with iron pipe [illegible]. When the train stopped at Wellsville [illegible] caused the pipe to move [illegible] the life out of the three unfortunates. One was an old white man and the other two were colored: Dan Allen of [illegible] and Harry Walker of Akron [illegible]. There was another man in the car [illegible] was fortunate and escaped [illegible] of the trainmen of what had occurred.

Elder Kendall of the Westfield [illegible] Presbyterian [illegible] amputation [illegible] When he takes the drum [illegible] his wife [illegible] the chicken [illegible] devouring the chicken while the rest [illegible] are compelled to gnaw beef bones.

The football contest at the Washington [illegible] Saturday afternoon between [illegible] of this city and the [illegible] separate company of Tonawanda, N. Y., for the championship of Western New York and Pennsylvania resulted in a decisive and brilliant victory for the Bradford team. The visitors had won victory after victory from the strongest teams of the two States and came to Bradford expecting to completely vanquish [illegible] Tonawanda [illegible]

District Convention

[illegible] Department of [illegible] Woman's Relief Corps [illegible]

The [illegible] session was devoted to [illegible] and meeting and greeting the [illegible] members. The [illegible] session was held in the opera house and [illegible] the inspection of [illegible] by Mrs. Cummings [illegible] The retiring officers were Mrs. M. A. H. Lyons, President, Secy Mrs. Olive Pronson.

Ladies were present from Carbondale, [illegible], Wilkes Barre, Mauch Chunk, [illegible], Binghamton, Jackson, Thompson, Scranton, New Milford, New Albany and other corps. Past Dept. Presidents, Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Morrison and other Department officers were also present.

In the evening a camp fire was held in the opera house and the program as published in Monday's Transcript was carried out. It was one of the finest entertainments ever held under auspices of the corps. The address of Mrs. Morrison of Smethport, Pa., was a thoughtful practical one in which she spoke of the organization and aims of the Woman's Relief Corps and the noble work it is doing. Mrs. Morrison's husband is the Judge of McKean county, and she is one of the brightest and brainiest of the corps women of the State.

All the numbers of the evening deserve special mention, but the closing tableau by sixteen young ladies was the finest climax we ever saw, and was alone worth several times the price of admission. It was a very successful convention.—Susquehanna Journal.

Nothing Succeeds Like Success.

Dr. Vanbuskirk, the gentleman who extracts teeth without pain and who has been doing so successful a business during the last week at the Grand Central Hotel will positively remain, but one week more or until Saturday, Nov 21. This system and remedy is the only one that renders the extraction of teeth perfectly painless and that is also absolutely safe and that pleases everybody. Teeth extracted for usual prices.

James Quick, Secretary of the Agricultural and Breeders' Society wishes to announce that Saturday, Nov 28, will be the last day for delinquent members to pay their dues. Any member not paying on or before that date will have to be stricken from the list according to Section 12 of the constitution.

Tabulated Vote of McKean County, Tuesday, November 3, 1896.

Districts	President	Representatives at Large	Congress	Senator	Representative in the General Assembly	Sheriff	Prothonotary	Dist. Atty.	County Commissioners	County Auditors
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

N. B. The above table is official

FIRE AND DEATH

The Sowers Hotel and Mrs. N. A. Varney's Store at East Smethport Entirely Consumed by Fire Saturday Morning. W. B. Chambers Drops Dead During the Excitement.

[illegible] the Extract Works in the fall of 1891 has East Smethport been visited by a destructive fire until last Saturday morning when $[illegible] worth of property was consumed in a short time.

Shortly after 2 o'clock fire was discovered [illegible] the second floor of the Sowers Hotel by [illegible] he boarded but instead of giving an alarm he [illegible] made a [illegible] to subdue the flames unassisted [illegible] the fire had [illegible] the rest was the quiet slumbers of [illegible] aroused by the [illegible] of the Extract Works [illegible] hose house.

It was a [illegible] for the hose boys and before they reached the scene the Sowers building was past saving. The boys tried to attach to the Extract pump but their hose would not fit, so they returned and attached to the hydrant in front of W. W. White's residence a distance of over 300 yards from the fire and when the hose arrived they succeeded in getting a stream on O. L. Bard's store. In the meantime, after some trouble and speculation a piece of hose was found that would connect with the Extract hose and a stream played on the store occupied by Mrs. N. A. Varney belonging to Mrs. S. B. Sherwood of Eldred but [illegible] until it was so enveloped in flames that no power on earth could save it and the blaze threatened at one time to destroy the whole business portion of East Smethport was confined to these [illegible] mentioned properties. The barn and other out buildings connected with the hotel were quickly consumed owing to the fact that the hose would not reach them.

While the fire department was putting forth its best efforts to get a stream on the burning buildings the citizens were diligently at work removing the goods from the hotel, Mrs. Varney's store, Mrs. Bush's rooms, and O. L. Bard's store and the bucket brigade did some effective service in [illegible] the fiery fiend in the Varney store and saving Bard's store and the W. N. Y. & P. depot. All furniture on the first floor of the hotel and the goods in the two stores were saved but considerably damaged by moving.

When the fire was the hottest attention of the onlookers was attracted by the scream of a woman east of the depot. Upon investigation it was found that W. B. Chambers, son-in-law of Mrs. Sowers who [illegible] with his wife and a gentleman had fallen with heart disease. Drs. Chadwick and Hamilton who were among the crowd were quickly summoned [illegible] was removed to the residence of Postmaster James M. Tracy where after a careful examination it was found that life had left the body. Mr. Chambers never spoke after he fell but gasped slightly when he was picked up and carried to the house. Undertaker Sasse was summoned and the remains were removed to the home [illegible] Dec [illegible]

[illegible] no one can tell. Some say the fire started from the [illegible] that the flames were [illegible] Frank White's [illegible] satisfactory solution is that the fire originated in room 13 which was used for sort of a junk room and that it was either caused by spontaneous combustion or the rats had [illegible] a match.

The losses as near as can be estimated are as follows: Mrs. J. H. Sowers, house, barn and out buildings $3,500, furniture and contents of hotel $150. Mrs. S. B. Sherwood, store $[illegible]. Mrs. N. A. Varney, stock and household goods, damaged by moving $150. Mrs. May Bush, household goods damaged moving, $75. O. L. Bard, stock damaged moving, $200. Frank White, clothing destroyed, $50. W. N. Y. & P. depot scorched and blistered $75.

The burned and damaged property was all insured, with the exception of White's clothing, and the loss to the owners will not be great.

FLYING SPARKS.

The mill crew did their usual good work.

A little dog belonging to Mrs. Bush lost his life in the flames.

Foreman Maguire is the right man to direct the fire department.

The railroad company is indebted to "Butch" Sherer for favors rendered.

Frank White worked faithfully saving the property of others while his own was left and destroyed.

A careful inspection of the audience indicated that there are some people who go to bed before 3 a. m.

"Cooper Con's" rescue of "a mutual friend" was a praiseworthy act for which we hereby give proper credit.

Will the man who was last seen running toward Port Allegany with an old door please return same and receive his reward.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the work did by the Smethport Hose Co., or in fact any of the citizens who attended the fire.

A highly excited individual was seen to rescue a cover off a sugar barrel and then dash madly away from the hungry flames. He covered himself with glory.

C. E. Barrett by his patient efforts saved the W. N. Y. & P. depot from almost certain destruction. He had a [illegible] garden hose and although the heat was [illegible] stuck bravely to his work [illegible] the danger was over.

Death of W. B. Chambers

Died of heart failure at East Smethport on Saturday, Nov 7, at about 4:00 o'clock a. m. Wakefield B. Chambers, aged 44 years and one month.

The death of Mr. Chambers was very strange and startling. It was on the morning of the fire at East Smethport that the sad affair occurred. Before leaving home his wife cautioned him not to [illegible] himself in any way. They walked together as far as Gifford's mill, when Mrs. Chambers again cautioned [illegible] and turned toward [illegible]. After he had [illegible] he quickened his pace and when in front of Stickles' market store complained of feeling unwell and sat down to rest. He continued on to the scene of the conflagration and was standing on the track near the depot by his wife when suddenly putting his hand to his heart he turned to her and said, "something's coming over me," and before she could make a move to raise him he sank to the ground. Willing hands at once conveyed the unconscious man to Jas. Tracy's residence and Drs. Hamilton and Chadwick were at once summoned but they could do nothing as he had died almost instantly.

The news of his death caused a gloom to settle over the large mass of people [illegible] assembled and nearly everyone went to take a view of the unfortunate man. His death does not seem so strange when it is known that his parents both died the same way.

Mr. Chambers was born in Dundee, Yates Co., N. Y., in 1852. In 1880 he and his wife came to East Smethport, where they continued to live until a short time ago. About two years ago he bought the draying business of Gardner Callen and has ever since been engaged at that work. Knowing his weakness he sought [illegible] for his family in case an accident should happen by having his life insured in the K. O. T. M. for $2,000 and carried a policy in the P. H. C. for $1,000.

He leaves to mourn his departure a wife and child, three brothers and three sisters. The funeral services were held under the auspices of the K. O. T. M. last Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Procter of Eldred officiating, Mr. McCord [illegible] being out of town. The members of the P. H. C. were also in line. The interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery. Beautiful flowers were scattered in rich profusion over the casket.

Obituary

Mrs. Mary A. Washburn who died at Mt. Alton at 12 o'clock m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, was born in Ireland June 16, 1838. Her parents moved to this country and located on a farm in Tioga Co., Pa., where Mary attended the common schools of the district, afterwards the high school, fitting herself for a teacher.

In 1857 she was married to Silas S. Washburn and they made their home in [illegible] Co., Pa., where they joined the M. E. church and have been consistent and faithful members ever since.

For a number of years they have resided at Mt. Alton and by their integrity and honesty have made friends of all the residents of that place. The funeral was held last Sunday at the Mt. Alton M. E. church, Rev. J. H. Crocker officiating. The church was filled to overflowing by mourning relatives and sorrowing friends. The Odd Fellows turned out six of their members acting as pall bearers. The ladies of the Rebekah lodge acted as honorary bearers.

Rev. Crocker took for his text 1st Peter 4th Chapter 5th verse, "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead." From this he preached a very eloquent sermon, paying many a well merited tribute to the departed, of her Christian charity and lovable character. During the course of his remarks he noticed an absence of flowers, but he would weave a wreath and place it upon her coffin that all might see it. They were not flowers that bloom, but heaven far sweeter fragrance when found in the human family. The first he said was patience, and in his years of acquaintance with Mrs. Washburn, through all her trials and afflictions she had shown the utmost patience during her years of suffering. Next came cheerfulness, then friendliness, thankfulness, prayerfulness and truthfulness. These the faithful servant of God placed before his large audience in such a touching manner that tears trickled down the cheeks of many a sorrowing friend and relative. Thus has passed away one, who like her namesake of old, "had sat at the feet of Jesus and learned of him."

Mrs. Washburn had been an invalid for years and it was a gradual wearing away of the system. She leaves a husband and two brothers to mourn her departure. The remains were placed in the Lafayette Corners cemetery.

Sore Throat Quickly Cured

Not long ago in speaking of sore throat and the difficulty frequently experienced in curing it, Mr. J. E. Thomas of Uniondale, Pa. told how he had often cured it in his family. We give it in his own words: "I have frequently used Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my family for sore throat and it has effected a speedy cure in every instance. I would not think of getting along in my home without it." Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, sprains and bruises. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Father Flood visited Kane Tuesday.

Dan Bacon visited Erie during the week.

Miss Trude Walker spent Sunday in Bradford.

A. [illegible] Doyle was down from Ormsby this week.

Al Peirce, Jr., returned to Austin last Saturday.

John Doyle of Sartwell was in town Wednesday.

William King of Ceres was in town last Monday.

J. J. Howard of Clermont was in town on Monday.

Miss Molly King visited Bradford friends Tuesday.

Miss Mary Freeman went to Mt. Jewett yesterday.

Dr. C. P. Alling of Bradford was in town yesterday.

Walter Crall of Bradford was in town yesterday.

H. E. Burlingame was in Eldred the first of the week.

H. H. Colburn of Binghamton was in town Monday.

A. B. Walker transacted business in Bradford this week.

W. J. Speicht went to the mountain city of Kane yesterday.

Miss Lucy Mitchell visited Bradford the first of the week.

M. W. M[illegible] of Kane was in town the first of the week.

W. H. Burlingame started for Burlington, Mich., last week.

W. J. Foster of Lewis Run was serving as a juror this week.

Justice C. C. Ward of Port Allegany was in town yesterday.

James A. McKean transacted business in Bradford yesterday.

J. J. Buckley of Annin Creek was a pleasant caller yesterday.

Auditor [illegible] A. K. Cory of Coryville was in town Wednesday.

P. B. Anderson visited his brother at Palmerville Wednesday.

M. W. Lindsey of Warren was here attending court yesterday.

J. C. Stull of Farmers Valley was greeting friends in town yesterday.

C. H. Goodsell of Olean spent Sunday in town greeting old friends.

Dr. Thomas L. Kane of Kane was a guest at the Wright House Monday.

W. W. Tate, the popular cigar man of Wellsboro, Sundayed in town.

C. J. Judd of Bradford was transacting business in town last Saturday.

Senator Bannon of Bradford was the guest of Judge Morrison Monday night.

Leon Grigsby, Claud LeFevre and Ray Walters visited Bradford Sunday.

C. W. Catlin and S. W. Smith were over from Port Allegany during the week.

Justice Edward Carpenter of Larabee was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

C. H. DuBois and A. N. Heard of Bradford came over Tuesday to attend court.

Miss Etta Foote of Armour, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Brownell.

Judge A. G. Olmsted of Coudersport arrived in town Monday to preside at court.

J. C. Greenewald of Bradford was over yesterday greeting his fellow Republicans.

W. K. Simpson and Frank Shafer of Buffalo were guests at the Central over Sunday.

Tom Purtle didn't do a thing but go to Bradford Tuesday night and help celebrate.

C. J. Hugh Boyd was down from Clermont Monday looking as handsome and happy as ever.

Jacob Hafner, one of Clermont's prosperous citizens, was in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. Henry Hamlin and Mrs. J. Heber McCandless returned from Buffalo last Saturday.

J. J. Richmond went to Wellsboro last Monday as senatorial return judge for this county.

Wm. J. Ein Apple visited Warren last week as return judge of the 27th Congressional district.

Herman Pull and Waldo Sasse were spectators at the foot ball game in Bradford last Saturday.

D. I. Wheelock, one of Warren's most prominent surveyors, was a witness in court this week.

Mrs. B. L. Knapp was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Gibson, at Bradford Wednesday.

Misses Mazie Dunn and Cora Barr visited Bradford Wednesday to attend a gentlemen's leap year party.

A. J. Martin of Jamestown arrived Tuesday and reports everything as all right in old Chautauqua county.

Frank Baker went to Bradford Tuesday and assisted the Kane band in furnishing music in the parade.

J. C. Hamlin returned from New York Tuesday after a four weeks' sojourn, being well pleased with his visit.

S. G. Bush visited Olean on Monday last. He brought his granddaughter, little Ruth Voorhees, back with him.

S. S. Washburn and Miss Mary McGraw of Mt. Alton were in town Monday with the relatives of Mrs. Washburn.

J. J. Roharts of Ceres was over Tuesday to find out if there had been an election in other sections of the country.

W. P. Mitchell of Lock Haven, one of the most able land surveyors in the State, was a witness in court during the week.

Mrs. E. V. Lewis and son, Herbert, of Rochester visited Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Knapp, over Sunday.

Mark A. Hardie of Mt. Alton and P. McMahon, the big jolly lineman of the Erie R. R., Bradford, were pleasant callers at this office yesterday.

Miss Ida Fillingsfeld went to Emporium Monday to meet her sister, Mrs. E. D. Comes, who has been visiting relatives in Baltimore for the past two months.

Editor C. O. Laymon and Enoch Dolly of Port Allegany were in town Tuesday, and wonderful to relate they did not seem to be worried much over McKinley's election.

F. E. Baldwin of Austin was in town Monday afternoon, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Leon Wolters of Grand Rapids, Mich.—Coudersport Enterprise.

Julius Ronnberg of the McKeesport Svenska Veckobladet was a very pleasant caller at this office yesterday. Mr. Ronnberg is striving to start a Scandinavian Brotherhood of America here.

A. A. Crawford of Bradford, who was serving as a juror this week, asked for a release and it was granted. He found times too lively for him here and desired to get home to quiet Bradford.

John J. Stoutenburg, otherwise known as "Tammany John," arrived in town Wednesday with a card in his hat marked "put me off at Canton, Ohio," but hearing that Abe Martin was here he stopped long enough to exchange a few election yarns.

Mrs. D. J. Curtis, Ludlow, Mrs. Rob't Donaldson, Spring Creek, Pa., Mrs. Wm. Roberts, Almont, Mich., Warren Chambers, Dunkirk, N. Y., Wm. Chambers, of Tidioute, and Harmon Chambers, Elmira, relatives of the late W. B. Chambers were present at the funeral last Tuesday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANNIN CREEK

We have a president elect,
McKinley is his name,
Although the Bryanites said no
He got the there just the same
While Bryan rode from west to east
To multiply his fame,
McKinley spent his time at home
But he got there just the same
And I'm glad of it

Lea Smith returned from Rixford Saturday.

I. H. Winship and Frank Holcomb drove to Eldred Saturday.

B. J. Babcock and wife of Coudersport visited at C. H. Holcomb's recently.

Will Buckley spent part of last week in Olean.

Rev. W. W. Tubbs of Keating Summit visited in this place last Friday.

Our school had a pole raising last Friday. A goodly number of the patriotic men and women of the neighborhood were present. Miss Spencer, the teacher, proved herself equal to the occasion by having very appropriate exercises. Remarks were made by Rev. Langmade, Rev. Tubbs and D. C. Winship all of whom are old soldiers.

Mrs. Hiram Harder was called to Mt. Alton last week by the death of her sister in law, Mrs. S. S. Washburn.

G. A. R. Post Inspections.

EDITOR MINER:—Will you please announce in your paper that the following inspections of G. A. R. Posts will take place as indicated, and a general attendance of the comrades, in full uniform, is earnestly desired.

Post 141, Bradford, Saturday evening, Nov. 21st, Comrade David Howells of Post 238, inspector.

Post 158, Eldred, Friday evening, Nov. 20th, Comrade R. H. Camp of Post 431, inspector.

Post 238, Kane, Tuesday evening, Nov. 24th, Comrade J. G. Howe of Post 141, inspector.

Post 347, Smethport, Thursday evening, Nov. 19th, Comrade J. F. Baldwin of Post 356, inspector.

Post 356, Duke Centre, Monday evening, Nov. 16, Comrade A. H. Mayo of Post 158, inspector.

Post 431, Port Allegany, Saturday evening, Nov. 21st, Comrade L. Rogers, inspector.

Post 204, Coudersport, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28th, Comrade T. A. Morrison of Post 347, inspector.

Respectfully Yours,
L. ROGERS,
Ass't Inspector at Large.
Kane, Nov. 12, 1896.

Resolutions of Respect

WHEREAS—The Ruler of the Universe in his all wise and merciful providence has removed from our circle to the Supreme Circle on high, our beloved brother, W. B. Chambers, be it then

RESOLVED—That inasmuch as the Circle loses one of its best and most influential members, the home a kind and loving husband and father, the community an honorable and upright citizen, that we commend the dear bereaved ones to the care and keeping of "Him who doeth all things well." Be it further

RESOLVED—That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Circle, our charter be draped in mourning for sixty days and copies be sent to the bereaved family, the P. H. C. Gazette and to our town papers the MINER and Democrat.

EFFIE T. CAPEHART,
CORA F. BARR,
ED HUNGERFORD
Committee

Attention G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS MCKEAN POST, NO 347,
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,
SMETHPORT, PA., Nov. 10, 1896.

General Order No. 3

All members of this Post are hereby ordered to appear in full uniform for inspection, at our regular meeting Thursday evening Nov. 19th.

By Command,
JONATHAN COLEGROVE,
Commander.
H. M. CHOATE,
Adjutant.

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Another stomach trouble is that form of dyspepsia which gives pain after eating. Persons with this disease seem to have but a scant amount of nerve strength, when food is being digested, these muscles need the concentration of all of them [illegible] force, and if reading or [illegible] is attempted soon after eating, the stomach commences [illegible] aching which dyspeptics dread so much, when, the only immediate relief appears to be to stop the mental activity and get up and move about. In such cases there is [illegible] the time being, too little [illegible] to divide between the [illegible] the brain each one alone [illegible] to enable it to perform its labor.

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again, and we broke off the conversation at this point, as our prima donna came toward us under the arcades.

"On the evening of the same day the 'Trovatore' was placed on the boards. All that Farli possessed of aristocracy and distinction was present at the theater that night. Not a seat was vacant. The great expectations which were cherished concerning Campobassi's performance were not disappointed. Here he could give himself free rein, and his voice rang through the house not like a tenor—no, like a choir of tenors. The applause would not cease, and Campobassi was called out repeatedly.

"At last came the 'Stretta.' Now the audience would surely be thrown into ecstasies, and we had not deceived ourselves. Wreath after wreath was flung from the boxes, all the people stamped their feet, clapped and cried 'Viva!' and 'Da Capo!' Finally Campobassi, smiling, made a gesture to signify that he would repeat the 'Stretta.' The storm was laid, and it grew suddenly so still in the theater that one could have heard the buzzing of a fly. We all stood there behind the scenes and beheld Campobassi step forward to the footlights, a departure from custom which did not strike us oddly, for tenors are allowed many liberties.

"But what was that? He was saying something in an undertone to the orchestra, and the musicians, who had already begun the opening bars, broke off in their playing. Instead of the notes of the 'Stretta' we heard Campobassi speak—speak words which made the blood stiffen in our veins, which threw such a spell over us that we were unable to stir from the spot long after Campobassi had finished his speech.

"I can remember it as vividly as if it had all happened yesterday. 'Honored patrons and citizens of Farli,' he began—and probably at this point he made one of his consummately graceful bows—'I thank you for the affection you have shown for me, the more since this is my farewell appearance. After tonight you will, I fear, hardly care to hear me again. I beg you will all remain quietly in your seats, for then, upon my honor, not a hair of any one's head shall be molested. Any movement can only lead to mischief, for my men are patrolling the corridors and all the exits are guarded. Nor can help come to you from the direction of the stage, for the enlarged chorus which has tonight sung so valiantly consists, for the most part, of my own people, and they also are well furnished with weapons. I am, honored patrons, the Fra Angelo whose name is certainly well known to you. I, too, am armed, as you see, and these pistols are well loaded. But far be it from me to inflict any injury upon you who have shown me so much consideration—my word for that. At this very moment a member of the chorus has already taken our honored impresario in charge. That I shall not exact tribute of my colleagues you will naturally infer. On the other hand, honored patrons, I have often provided entertainment for you, and it is on that account justifiable that I should require some recompense from you, more especially since our impresario has paid me an honorarium which my sense of shame will not permit me to name. So have the kindness, good people, to deliver your watches, rings, chains, purses and the like with all alacrity to those who will now pass from seat to seat. The exits are guarded, as I have remarked, and the more generously and quickly you perform your part the quicker will this business be accomplished. In the meantime I will ask the orchestra to play some favorite airs, which may serve as an agreeable distraction for those who have discharged their obligations.'

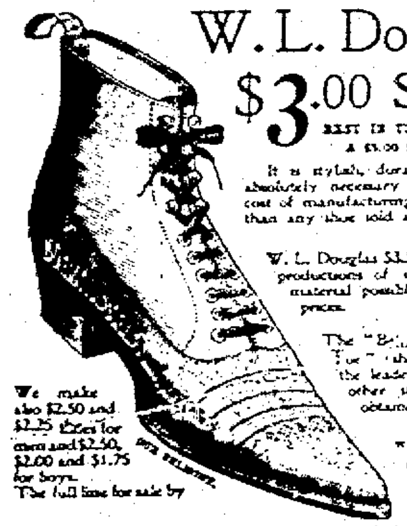
"In truth, the orchestra did commence to play, and, as we learned later, everything passed off as Fra Angelo had wished. As a matter of fact, all his threats had been superfluous, for the name of the famous bandit had alone sufficed to render every one helpless.

"Fra Angelo supervised the entire transaction from the stage, and a few words of thanks when it was ended, then turned toward the flies. As he passed us he clapped me laughingly on the shoulder and said, 'Did I not tell you, my colleague, that I should play my favorite rôle tonight?'

"With that he vanished, and we rushed terrified out into the open air. The audience streamed out at the doors in unwonted haste, and the first among them had already summoned the guard of the so called public safety. A few moments later the signals of the carabinieri sounded through the streets of the town, but of Fra Angelo and his fellows not a trace was to be found."—From the German For Short Stories.

The Two-thirds Rule.

Jones—What is the two-thirds rule? [illegible]—At my house it means the rule of my wife and boy. And it goes.—Indianapolis Journal.



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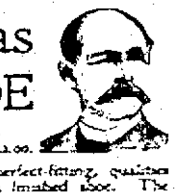

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ON OPENING AN OLD TREASURE BOX.

Two time dried roses, side by side,
Unfaded and dead in my hand they lie.
Whence came the one I have quite forgot—
Some passing fancy, sudden and hot,
That flickered but to die.

The other—ah, what a little thing
Can stir to the depths these hearts of ours!
It takes me back to the hour of bliss
When Phyllis gave with her first sweet kiss
This dearest of earthly flowers.

I will buy a shrine for my treasure rare,
Some dainty casket, jeweled and rich,
And I'll lay it within—if I have the power—
But I've pondered here for at least an hour,
And I can't tell which is which.

—Gertrude Halladay in Cincinnati Enquirer.

TWO TRAVELERS.

If one were to seek the site of the Red Lion that stood on the Harlem road over a century ago, he could no more discover it than he could the snow that fell at the date of which we write.

The Red Lion was an inn kept by a jolly old Hollander named Peter Steen, and directly opposite was the only grocery store on that part of the island, and this was presided over by Peter's brother, Helst. The brothers were very dissimilar in temperament and appearance. Peter weighed over 200 pounds, was a hard drinker, inveterate smoker and a great talker. Helst was of small stature, weighing only 100 and some odd pounds, and he never drank spirituous liquors nor used tobacco in any form. Neither was he of a loquacious turn. Silent and meditative, he weighed out his sugar and tea to his customers, took their hard money, put it safely away, and grew richer each year than his laughing, rollicking brother Peter.

Every evening, after the store was closed, Helst invariably went across the way, and the brothers, taking chairs, would, when the season permitted, sit in front of the tavern under the trees and converse, while Peter's son, Dyke, attended the bar.

It was the latter part of the summer, when the brothers were seated in their accustomed places, that a couple of strangers were driven to the inn, and, alighting, requested accommodations. Peter slowly took his pipe from his mouth and shouted for Dyke.

"Go yourself," said Helst, in an undertone. "You'll never become rich if you turn these matters over to others. You must mend your ways, brother, and not put the care of the house on Dyke. Come, be stirring." And he gave Peter a gentle shake.

The latter laughed, and, arising, went forward to attend to the wants of his guests. A small trunk and two shotguns were the only baggage the travelers possessed, and these were carried to the inn and the strangers assigned a room, and while their supper was being prepared Peter resumed his seat by his brother.

"Do they seem like persons of means?" inquired Helst.

"How can I tell?" replied Peter. "They went to their chamber without taking a drink."

"If I had examined their faces," continued Helst, "I think I should be able to determine their quality. Your business is not the kind to enable you to discover the depths of your customers' pockets. Ah, Peter, I fear you never will accumulate a large fortune!"

"Well, Dyke may if I don't," replied the brother. "He's like you, Helst—he turns a penny over twice before taking it to see if it is good."

"Dyke is a prudent lad," said Helst. "He may turn out well if he continues to be so cautious. Brother, we have to be wary in this world."

"Thank heaven, there'll be no occasion for it in the next!" replied Peter. And he laughed and blew great clouds of smoke in Helst's face.

"It's a nasty practice," cried the brother, coughing and moving a little apart, so as to be out of the reach of Peter's pipe.

"It's a great consolation sometimes," replied Peter.

"It's a great waste of money. How much do you spend in tobacco?"

"How should I know?" replied Peter in surprise. "I never kept accounts."

"Try it," remarked Helst dryly.

Just then a couple of shots made Peter Steen bounce in his seat.

"It's only the travelers discharging their guns," said Peter.

"I must go," replied Helst. "Good night." And the brothers separated.

Peter Steen found his guests to be quiet but eccentric Englishmen, who seemed to take the world easy and paid liberally for all they ordered.

"What in the world can they want here?" inquired Helst. "Why don't they go to the city?"

"I'm sure I don't know," replied Peter, "and as they pay in honest money I care not how long they tarry."

"They may be robbers," suggested the timid Helst.

"So they may," responded Peter, "but they haven't robbed me, and as we are not sharp enough for you I don't see why we should complain."

Fall deepened into winter, and the strangers still sojourned at the Red Lion. They went out gunning frequently, and when they remained indoors they read incessantly the newspapers that came from England.

"I have it," exclaimed Helst one evening to his brother. "They are fugitives from justice, and they read the newspapers to discover what efforts are being made to effect their capture."

Peter laughed boisterously.

"All Englishmen spend a great deal of their lives in reading newspapers," he replied. "It's a characteristic of the nation. They are great readers, just as the Dutch are great smokers."

"I hope you may be correct," responded Helst, "but I don't like these persons hanging about here for no object."

"They may have an object," suggested Peter. "They know best."

"But I'd like to know too."

"Perhaps you'd better ask them," replied the practical Peter.

"My doors are double barred," muttered Helst as he moved away.

During the winter the strangers ate, drank, were merry, sat up late at night in their room and paid their bills punctually. Peter Steen grew to like them vastly. Spring came warm and balmy, and the strangers seemed to welcome it. One day the elder of the two came to Peter Steen and said:

"Landlord, we fancy your place very much. It is quiet and healthy. Your table is excellent, but we don't altogether like your rooms. Suppose you allow us to erect an addition to your house. It shall cost you nothing. We wish an apartment that looks out on the garden, and here, just by this wall, which is all tumbling down, by the way, we'll build you a snug apartment."

Peter opened his eyes very wide at this proposition, and at once consented. Then he hastened to Helst and told him what had occurred.

"It is the strangest thing I ever heard," remarked the brother. "Peter, those men must either be fools or crazy. I think they are fools."

"And I should be a fool, too, if I refused to have my property improved at their expense," replied the other.

Helst scratched his head and appeared perplexed.

"And I really can make nothing of it," he said.

Very soon mechanics began to bring lumber, and in due time a pretty frame structure, with two rooms, arose at the rear of the inn. One side of it was directly against the wall of the garden. Peter was happy. The Englishmen's gold flowed into his coffers, and all went well.

One night, when the brothers sat together, Helst said:

"I've been talking to old Adam Klemp, and he tells me that about 60 years ago an eccentric or crazy Englishman built a large house where the Red Lion now stands. Nobody liked him, and few know anything about his history. He got into some trouble with the king's officers and left the place suddenly. Soon afterward the house was burned down. I never could comprehend these English. They are the queerest people in the world."

"They pay well," laughed Peter, slapping his pocket. "They pay well, Helst."

July came, and the weather was delightful, but for some singular freak the Englishmen staid a great deal in their rooms. Once Peter came upon them suddenly and caught them intently examining a map or diagram which they had spread on the table.

"Ah, ha!" he muttered. "They are surveyors. Doubtless they came to purchase land. How foolish my brother Helst was with his suspicions."

But what bothered Peter the most was that the strangers were up burning his candles late into the night. Everybody else was in bed. What were they doing up like owls?

All at once the strangers began to take drives. They wouldn't go out together, but would take turns, one always remaining at home. These things continued for several weeks.

When this was told Helst, he had a new source of perplexity.

"They certainly are fools!" he exclaimed. "Who but fools would sit up late summer nights, doing nothing, and go driving about the country without a companion? Peter, these men may have wealth, but they certainly have no brains."

At length there came a variation to the monotony. Both the strangers went out to drive together one morning. Night came, but they did not return. Peter smoked his pipe and meditated at their absence, and Helst scratched his head for a thought.

Two, three, four days went by, but the strangers returned not, and no one about the country could give any information concerning them.

Finally, when a week had elapsed, it was determined to break open the door of their room. With all forms of law this was accomplished. And, lo, beside the garden wall was a great hole in the earth! On the table lay a letter addressed to Peter Steen, from the strangers, informing him that years before one of their number had lived on the spot and buried a large sum of gold in an old chest by this garden wall. Immediately after he was obliged to flee the country. They found some papers in England which accurately described the spot where the treasure was concealed, and they had come and built the addition to the house over the spot, and thus possessed themselves of what really belonged to them.

"In consideration of your kindness," they wrote, "we leave you the hole, hoping you may long live to smoke your pipe in peace."

Helst looked at the hole, and then at Peter, as he remarked:

"They were not fools, after all."

Peter took a long breath and smiled. He could not laugh just then, for a sort of consciousness that he had been outwitted made him unusually quiet. He walked into his inn, and, sitting down in a chair, said:

"And I've been living on a gold mine all the time and didn't know it!"—Exchange.

He Wondered.

The Atlanta Constitution says that in one of his visits to Atlanta, Hamlin Garland, the novelist, was talking to Joel Chandler Harris on literary topics, and he had a good deal to say about writers getting away from "the soil." "I was born to the soil," he said, "and I shall stick to it till I die!" There was a rural visitor present who did not know Garland, but the repeated reference to "the soil" interested him. He followed the western author with his eyes as he went down in the elevator, and then, looking thoughtfully out of the window, said, "I wonder how many bales er cotton he makes to the acre?"

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Or to cling to petticoats and stay at home,
For of a surety there are joyous parties formed
To go a-pleasuring in which I bear no part.
But, then, to ride, to fall, perchance
To break one's wheel—aye, there's the rub—
Or to encounter wicked brewery carts
Bent on the destruction of the highway's plague.
I fear, I tremble. 'Tis gruesome but to think on it.
Still, what is there left to do since all girls ride?
I'll do it. I'll be brave. 'Twas but yester e'en I saw,
Glancing from my window, who but Tom
Riding with that Smith's girl, forgetting me.
Hush, softly now. I'll steal away and take a lesson.
If all goes well, another week will see me by his side.
Farewell to maiden prejudices. We need them not,
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—New York Sun.

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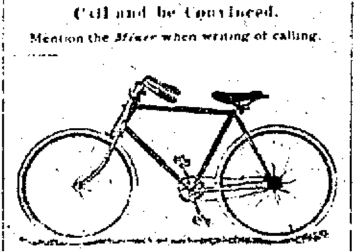

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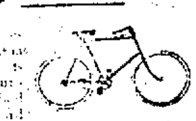

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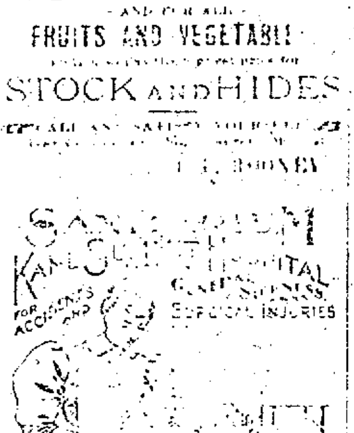

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Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 9.[illegible] a. m.
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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect June 1, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM [illegible]

EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:23 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:15 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

7:26 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 3:00 p. m. for Erie.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

6:35 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday for Kane and intermediate stations.

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Train 1 leaves Renovo 6:[illegible] a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. 7:[illegible] a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8:23 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:35 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

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Daily except Sunday.

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[illegible]	Ridgway	[illegible]
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
[illegible]	Bendigo	[illegible]
[illegible]	Arch Haze	[illegible]
[illegible]	Straight	[illegible]
[illegible]	Instanter	[illegible]
[illegible]	Smith's Run	[illegible]
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TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a m	p m	p m	Ar. Dp.	a m	p m	p m
[illegible]	[illegible]	7.[illegible]	Keating	9.10	2.25	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	7.[illegible]	Cowley Junc.	9.25	2.[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	7.[illegible]	Austin	9.40	2.55	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	6.55	Costello	9.45	3.[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wharton	10.00	3.[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Logue	[illegible]	3.[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hull	10.22	3.[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc	10.45	4.[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Germania	11.[illegible]	4.[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Galeton	[illegible]	4.[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gaines	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ansonia	[illegible]	[illegible]	
	a m	p m	Dp. Ar.	p m	p m	

[illegible] Cross Fork Jc [illegible]

[illegible] Train Master. C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R.

Road Time Table, takes effect Monday [illegible]

A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
	[illegible]	2.[illegible]	Ulysses	7.42	2.[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]	Crowell's	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1.5[illegible]	Perkins	7.56	2.45	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1.5[illegible]	North Junct'n	7.[illegible]	2.50	[illegible]
	7.0[illegible]	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.5[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1.3[illegible]	Raymond's	8.07	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1.2[illegible]	Seven Bridge's	8.19	3.1[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1.2[illegible]	Colesburg	8.2[illegible]	3.[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1.24	Frink's	8.2[illegible]	3.22	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	Hammond			[illegible]
[illegible]			Fish Basket			[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.[illegible]	Olmsteds	8.5[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.4[illegible]	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		12.34	Knowlton		[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.2[illegible]	Roulette	9.0[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.2[illegible]	Burtville	9.1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		12.17	Coleman		[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.1[illegible]	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.

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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT JULY 1, 1896.

p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	Stations.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
*6.30	*4.05	*9.05	ar Sm'thp't lv	*8.00	*9.30	[illegible]
6.1[illegible]	3.55	8.55	Ormsby Jn.	8.25	11.10	[illegible]
6.10	2.50	8.50	M'Kean	8.27	11.12	[illegible]
5.53	3.2[illegible]	8.24	Simpson	8.40	11.25	[illegible]
5.47	3.17	8.17	Davis	8.52	11.27	[illegible]
5.41	3.11	8.11	Aiken	8.58	11.33	[illegible]
5.35	3.05	8.05	Kinzua Jn.	9.05	11.40	[illegible]
5.05	2.45	7.38	Tarport Hill	9.20	11.51	[illegible]
4.50	2.25	7.20	lv Bradf'd ar	9.40	12.25	7.10
5.45	10.51	8.14	Kinzua Br'g	8.41	3.51	[illegible]
5.41	10.45	8.12	McAmbleys	8.53	3.53	[illegible]
5.35	10.40	8.05	Mt. Jewett	9.10	4.05	[illegible]
5.25	10.30	7.55	Lafayette	9.19	4.14	[illegible]
5.19	10.24	7.46	Griffiths	9.25	4.20	[illegible]
5.14	10.18	7.40	Kanesholm	9.30	4.25	[illegible]
5.08	10.13	7.33	Greendale	9.37	4.32	[illegible]
4.50	10.00	7.20	lv Kane ar	9.50	4.45	[illegible]
p. m.	a. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.	p. m.

*Daily except Sunday.

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To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

South		Stations	North	
1:15		Clermont	12:30	
1:20		Clermont Tank	12:25	
1:45		Wildwood	12:[illegible]	
1:58		North Fork	11:45	
2:10		Kay Fork	11:35	
2:12		Gray Gables	11:30	
2:20		Ar St. Marys Lv	11:24	
2:35	7:40	Lv St. Marys Ar	10:55	6:15
2:38	7:43	Kaul	10:50	6:12
2:44	7:50	[illegible]	10:42	6:10
2:50	7:55	Groll	10:37	6:0[illegible]
2:57	8:01	Gillen	10:28	5:57
3:02	8:07	Paine	10:2[illegible]	5:5[illegible]
3:08	8:11	Centreville	[illegible]	[illegible]
3:10	8:15	Dagus Crossing	10:15	5:47
3:16	8:20	Shelvey Summit	10:07	[illegible]
3:22	8:2[illegible]	Cuneo	9:58	[illegible]
3:27	8:33	Thompson	9:53	[illegible]
3:31	8:37	Corry	9:48	5:07
3:37	8:42	Brandy Camp	9:41	[illegible]
3:40	8:47	Elbon	9:34	[illegible]
[illegible]	8:50	Hyde	9:29	[illegible]
4:03	9:01	Shawmut	9:15	[illegible]
p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.

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